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Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include the elements of claim 28 and associated claims. The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 11 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 28. Accordingly, claims 1 and 11, as well as claims 5-8, 10, 14-20, 30, and 31 which depend therefrom, are patentable over the cited references. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of these claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the Applicant's representative, Bruce Black, by telephone to discuss the matter.

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